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### **(U) CALIFORNIA**

#### **(U) Imperial Beach – Mexican Nationals Arrested Following Waterborne Human Trafficking Attempts**

(U) Thirteen Mexican nationals who entered the United States illegally by boat were arrested in Imperial Beach, the US Border Patrol (USBP) reported on 22 November. The 10 men and three women—all between 23 and 45 years old—were detained and taken to a nearby USBP field office for processing after being spotted in a panga boat around 2:30 a.m. Two of those in custody are reportedly facing human smuggling charges. This incident follows just hours after a similar human trafficking operation left one man dead and another rescued from rough surf near La Jolla.

SOURCE: 24 November 2017, [Fox 5 San Diego](#)

#### **(U) Palo Alto – Second Inmate Arrested After Palo Alto Courthouse Escape**

(U) Authorities arrested the second of two armed robbery suspects who escaped from a Palo Alto courthouse earlier this month. Investigators spotted John Bivins, 47, walking out of the Fairmont Inn in San Leandro yesterday and ordered him to surrender. Bivins refused to comply and was forced into custody by the US Marshal-led Pacific Southwest Regional Task Force. His alleged accomplice, Tramel McClough, was arrested on 21 November in Stockton, where Bivens managed to get away after trying to run over authorities. Authorities said Bivens may face additional charges, including attempted murder of a federal agent and state peace officer.

SOURCE: 26 November 2017, [Los Angeles Times](#)

### **(U) NATIONAL**

#### **(U) Florida – \$23M In Cocaine Seized, Offloaded By Coast Guard**

(U) St. Petersburg – The US Coast Guard seized 2,000 pounds of cocaine, valued at an estimated \$23 million, in the Caribbean Sea south of the Dominican Republic on 11 November. The interdiction of the drugs, packaged in 30 bales, was confiscated on a 'go-fast' boat, and three suspected smugglers were taken into custody on federal drug trafficking charges.

SOURCE: 24 November 2017, [WXIA-TV Atlanta](#)

#### **(U) District of Columbia – Mutilated Body Found Attributed to MS-13 Murder**

(U) Washington – The MS-13 gang is accused of mutilating and murdering a man before burying him in a park near the US capital, according to the Montgomery County Police Department. The victim, who has not yet been identified, was stabbed more than 100 times in Wheaton, Maryland, just outside of Washington DC. Authorities so far arrested one known MS-13 member on first-degree murder; charging documents added that the victim was decapitated and his heart removed in an attack planned for weeks, involving up to 10 people. MS-13 is estimated to have 10,000 members in the United States.

SOURCE: 22 November 2017, [AFP](#)

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**UNCLASSIFIED//FOR OFFICIAL USE ONLY****(U) INTERNATIONAL****(U) Egypt – Militants Kill 305 at Sufi Mosque in Egypt’s Deadliest Terrorist Attack**

(U) Bir al-Abed — Militants detonated a bomb inside a crowded mosque in the Sinai Peninsula on 24 November and then sprayed gunfire on worshipers as they fled, killing at least 305 people and wounding at least 128 others. The attack injected a new element into Egypt’s struggle with militants because most of the victims were Sufi Muslims, who practice a form of Islam that the Islamic State in Iraq and ash-Sham (ISIS) and other Sunni extremist groups deem heretical. Between 25 and 30 militants—carrying automatic weapons and the ISIS flag—carried out what officials call the deadliest terrorist event in Egypt’s modern history.

SOURCE: 24 November 2017, [New York Times](#)

**(U) United Kingdom – Two Men Interviewed by Police after Oxford Circus Tube Panic**

(U) London – Two men voluntarily interviewed with British authorities after an altercation at a central London Tube station created mass panic on 24 November. Sixteen people were treated after they were injured fleeing Oxford Circus station following reports of gunshots being fired on a Central Line platform. Shoppers were barricaded inside stores on Oxford Street and armed police were deployed after the alarm was raised during evening rush hour. Police initially treated the incident as potentially terrorism-related, before standing down after finding no evidence of shots fired.

SOURCE: 25 November 2017, [BBC](#)

**(U) SOUTHWEST BORDER****(U) Arizona – Authorities Investigating Possible Drug-Smuggling Tunnel**

(U) Nogales – A possible drug-smuggling tunnel was discovered on 21 November at a warehouse-lined street in Nogales, two-and-a-half miles north of the US-Mexico border. An anonymous caller informed media that initial reports of a sinkhole first attracted public works employees, then a large group of federal law enforcement officers. A High Intensity Drug Trafficking (HIDTA) task force is investigating the hole and exposed tunnel, according to federal and local officials.

SOURCE: 22 November 2017, [Nogales International](#)

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